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Dear Howard,

What you say in your 3/29 is as it must be. But I did have more in mind under "gofor" and I've still not heard from Zebra.

Until I have a deal or a solid prospect writing is premature at the rate I'm getting records. I'm seven volumes behind in reading them!

My thoughts are in accord with yours on the editing. If there is something to edit- and then if there is time.

Thanks.

If I forgot to give Jim the message on b3 before this time I've put your note in an envelope addressed to him.

Between the committee and other developments much is up.

I've been helping Waldron on a Times story. I think Gardiner may find use for much of what he has been getting from me in a Sunday piece. Know in the morning.

You will have heard that the letter we received from P.S. is said to be the real L.H.O. writing. If so maybe I've figured that one out.

Poor deM had flipped out. His story as repeated by Oltmans, even if not embellished, is a fabrication from obvious public sources. Oltmans knew he had made it all up. So did others, like Max Clark, interviewed today by a friend of mine, independently of the source on Oltmans.

We like Mo. And the way he does things.

Yesterday afternoon he walked past the window of my office and waved at me. I holler to Lil, who was at the other end of the house, "Hide the silver! Look who's here!" It was loud so he could hear me through the insulating windows. But it scared Lil, who thought something had happened to me.

He had not even phoned to see if I was home.

And he had a bottle of excellent Scotch with him. Bought with Md. stamps.

We've stayed in touch all day by phone and will be in touch again in the a.m.

I'm hopeful about what he'll wind up with. He's a first-rate reporter, not just a friend we both cherish.

I've obtained proofs of Lane's monstrosity. Only Jim and Mo know. Jim has a xerox. I've not had time to look at it. Jim says it is terrible and vicious. One of Lane's credits is to Policoff.

We've had the lane paved. This is why Mo had to walk in and I did not hear his car.

We are also going to update the copying machine. We can8t afford to and we cangt afford not to. Time is scarce.

There is going to be another Archives release soon. Johnson confirmed it Monday when I saw him. Depositions.

Hope your quest for Jacksonville quarters goes well.

best,